

## HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

parents immigrated three and one-half years later.

Six children were born to Conrad and Magdalena while they lived in Midway. Conrad played the accordion very well. He was a miner. In 1896 they moved by wagon to St. Anthony, Idaho. They had ten more children making 16 in all. They were successful truck gardeners. Mr. Abegglen died early in life but Mrs. Abegglen lived to be 87 years old.

After she was 60 she traveled to Canada to visit the LDS Temple in Cardston, Alberta. Pres. Wood gave her a blessing and promised her that she would live to see a new chapel in her ward. At the time no thought had been given about a new chapel, but the prophecy was fulfilled and Mrs. Abegglen was the first person to have funeral services in the new building.

**JOSEPH F. AND ANNA  
ELIZABETH BURGENER  
ABEGGLE**



Joseph F. Abegglen, son of Conrad Abegglen, Sr., and Elizabeth Kummer Abegglen.

Born January 3, 1866, in Midway. Married Anna Elizabeth Burgener December 17, 1896, Logan Temple.

Died December 11, 1927, in Midway.

Anna Elizabeth Burgener, daughter of Andreas Burgener and Magdalena Meier Burgener.

Born March 9, 1876, Midway.

Married Joseph F. Abegglen, 1896.

Married William Carlile April 8, 1940.

William Carlile, son of John Carlile and Sarah Elizabeth Crook Carlile.

Born September 16, 1879, in Heber.

Died September 20, 1958, in Midway. Buried in Heber.

The native land of Joseph F. Abegglen was Midway. He was the youngest son of Conrad Abegglen, Sr., and Elizabeth Kummer—from the city of Gundlischwand, Berne, Switzerland. His parents were converts to

the Latter-day Saint church. He was an industrious farmer and also transported vegetables and beef to Park City, which was then a mining boom town. He was a religious man, and was very active in the LDS church. He advanced in the Priesthood to a Seventy, and he went to school from the age of six to sixteen. He learned to play a trumpet and was in the first brass band in Midway. He also was an accordion player and played for all the dances, parties and socials and for many years he was a caller for the quadrille dances.

He married Anna Elizabeth Burgener. She was an accomplished seamstress and she was on the sewing committee in the Relief Society for many years, sewing clothes for the dead. She was a Relief Society teacher for 21 years and was a receptionist on all social parties and banquets. She served as a teacher in Primary with Maggie Huber, president, and was a member of John Huber's choir. They bought the home of his father—Conrad Abegglen, Sr., in the northern part of town.

Children of Joseph F. and Anna Elizabeth include:

Mrs. Conrad (Ruby) Boss  
Leona, who died at age 24 in Salt Lake City

Mrs. Carl (Leda) Greer  
Harold, who married Marie Hawks.

**MARY E. ABEGGLE**

Mary E. Abegglen, daughter of Ulrich Abegglen and Anna Elizabeth Kuffer Abegglen, was born October 4, 1879, at Bern, Switzerland. She came to Salt Lake City with her mother when she was eight years old, and in 1900 moved to Midway, where the family has resided since. She attended the LDS Business College and University of Utah. She taught school in Midway for a number of years and served as clerk of the Midway Town Board for many years. She was a member of the LDS Relief Society, and served as class leader in giving the theology lessons. She never married. She died September 6, 1947 in a Provo hospital after a lingering illness.

**GEORGE ABPLANALP AND  
AMANDA WARDLE  
ABPLANALP**

George Abplanalp was born in Midway, Nov. 28, 1862, a son of Peter and Margaretha Egler Abplanalp, who migrated from

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Switzerland as converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. George's parents were among the first settlers in Midway.

He received his schooling in Midway. His favorite sport was baseball, and he became a baseball star of his day in Midway.

He married Amanda Wardle of Midway, and at a later date they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

He was an Elder in the church and the father of nine daughters. Amanda Lanora their first child, was born in Midway on Nov. 13, 1889 before the family moved to Vernal.

**PETER ABPLANALP JR. AND  
MARY JANE ALDER  
ABPLANALP**



Peter Abplanalp, born May 31, 1857, Brienzwyler, Switzerland, the son of Margaretha Egler and Peter Abplanalp, Sr.

Married Mary Jane Alder in 1881.

Died January 7, 1934, Midway.

Mary Jane Alder Abplanalp, born July 10, 1859 in Salt Lake City, to Mary Jane Wilson and Elijah Alder. Married Peter Abplanalp 1881. Died September 15, 1943, Midway.

According to an old legend that has been kept alive for three or four hundred years in and around the beautiful little village of Brienzwyler, Switzerland—birth place of Peter Abplanalp—an avalanche swept the

homes and all living creatures from an alpine plain of greater altitude, down to the shores of Lake Brienz. Next morning the residents, eager to rescue any survivors, found only the body of a cold and almost lifeless baby boy, still protected and enclosed in a woven basket. Identification was impossible so they surnamed him Ab-plan-alp, which means "off an alpine plain."

Many years later, Mormon missionaries converted one of the Abplanalp descendants, Peter Abplanalp, Sr., and his wife. When their son, Peter, Jr., was five months old, they left for America in November, 1857.

The family lived in Pikes Pond, New York, for about five years. Two baby girls were born there. They then came directly to Utah, and entered Heber Valley by means of oxen.

The road, to what was then called Mound City, cut off just south of a jutting crag near Hailstone, upon which Ben A. Norris year after year painted the Stars and Stripes. The old road didn't cross the river but ambled over the ridges to the west into Dutch Canyon and hence to the settlements that later became Midway. In this pioneer community Peter, Jr. grew to manhood along with nine other brothers and sisters. He acquired a workable knowledge of both the English and German language.

At age nine, Ute Indians, during the Black Hawk War, came over the mountains east of Heber City to pilfer and raid the herds of the settlers. He and other young fellows of Midway drove the cattle to grazing grounds south west of town and returned them to the stockade at eventide. Later on they were declared Black Hawk War veterans, and ultimately when a beneficent State Legislature appropriated money for pensions, he refused to accept one.

He played a horn in the first Brass Band organized in the valley. His appreciation of good music and a keen sense of timing and harmony enabled him to detect and help correct errors that his children persistently made in learning to play various instruments. It seemed there was always music in the home.

In his early twenties his entire family moved to Vernal. He had given his father two hundred dollars and a yoke of oxen. There wasn't much ceremony at the parting: a handshake, a mother's kiss—then that awkward silence when a man chokes up a bit. He stood there with a few friends and watched them goad the oxen, watched

little hands wave while the two covered wagons rolled slowly away. He didn't see them often after that.

When he was twenty-four he married Mary Jane Alder in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Transportation was faster now—the horse had practically replaced the ox. On Temple Square men were working high in the air on scaffolding, while on the ground oxen dragged heavy blocks of granite. They were to return in eleven years (1892) to witness the completion and dedication of the Great Mormon Temple.

The first few summers of his married life were spent cutting cord wood in the White Pines north of home. He couldn't split a hair with the blade of an ax, but he could accurately trim off the business end of a secured match eight times out of ten.

For a number of years he supported his family by means of farming and mining. He did assessment work for various mining interests and did it the hard way. Two men worked together, sharpened and tempered their own steel then drilled holes for the dynamite. One hand held the drill while the other pounded it into the rock with a four-pound sledge hammer called a "single jack."

He raised his own horses and experienced much satisfaction breaking in and driving a good "pulling team." Many colts were sold for attractive prices.

He served as a member of the Town Board during the Prohibition era.

Religion to him was a sacred thing. He was a Christian in the true sense, and maintained a steadfast reverence for the authorities of the church. He read a little each day, mainly the scriptures and Church publications. He kept his eldest son William in the Swiss and German mission field thirty-three months.

The adoration and respect he engendered in his family was attested by the loving manner in which his daughters cared for him during the long illness before he died. When death came in 1934, the high council, of which he was a member, formed a military unit at his home and solemnly marched before his bier to the ward chapel for the funeral services.

Mary Jane Alder Abplanalp lived as a young girl in Salt Lake City and then came with her family to Midway. They lived in a log cabin with a dirt roof. Her father

was a mason by trade, and built a brick home for his family, which is still standing today in very good condition.

On September 6th, 1880, Eliza R. Snow came to Midway to organize the Primary. They held the meeting in a small brick building and Sister Snow chose Mary Jane Alder as the first president of this organization. She chose as her counselors Rachel Holfetz and Cynthia Wootton.

She was always a faithful Latter-day Saint worker. In the Relief Society she has served in many capacities—class leader, visiting teacher for several years, and as a Relief Society Missionary.

She also served as a counselor in the MIA. She taught a class in Sunday School and held an office in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of the Hawthorne Camp.

She was particularly skilled in crocheting, and her many exquisite and intricate designs revealed a keen sense of artistry and color harmony. Many of her friends and relatives were made happy with exquisite gifts that they received from her.

She was also noted for the numerous quilts she made creating many designs of great beauty.

Much of her time was devoted to taking care of the sick, visiting and assisting the needy and the bereaved. She was very devoted to her family, always kind and generous and loved by all who knew her. Mary Jane and Peter Abplanalp always kept their door open to their family and friends. Their greetings of welcome were always warm and sincere, and their hospitality was the finest.

Children of Peter Abplanalp and Mary Jane Alder:

William, married Ida Huber  
 Mrs. David (Mary Jane) Wootton  
 Mrs. Thomas J. (Myrtle Margaret) Snarr  
 Mrs. Guy E. (Teresa Ellis) Coleman  
 Mrs. Glen (Lacy Elizabeth) Jensen. Later Laurence Greenwood, later Richard Lundquist

Doctor L. Reed, married Lorna Forbush  
 Mrs. Diamond (Ethel Vilate) Adams.

### ALFRED LORENZO AND IDA BURGENER ALDER

Alfred Lorenzo, son of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder, was born November 7, 1875. He married Ida Burgener May 23, 1903. He died October 16, 1945, in Midway.

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Ida Burgener, daughter of Andreas and Magdaline Meier Burgener, was born December 29, 1887, in Midway.

Alfred and Ida lived as neighbors during their childhood years, never realizing that as they grew up they would marry each other.

Shortly after the birth of their third child, Alfred was called to serve a mission for the Church. Upon completion of the successful mission, Ida and the children met him in Salt Lake and the family went together to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed.

Alfred served in the bishopric of the Midway First Ward for some 14 years, and also was a counselor in the YMCA. He worked for the town board and also the irrigation company, and took an active part in social events. He was often called upon to administer to the sick. He was known as a very dependable man, and lived a useful life.

Ida was born in a building that was used both as a granary and living quarters. Grain bins went to the ceiling on one side, and in the other half of the room was a kitchen, front room and a bed in the corner. All her brothers and sisters were born there, also.

She was a good worker around the house and often had the full responsibility of the home. She attended schools and had many wonderful friends.

Active in the Church, she attended all the meetings, and would sing at many of the social events. She came from a musical family, who started the first band in Midway.

She was married at age 24 and helped her husband build their first home in Midway. She supported the family while her husband served in the mission field.

The family was known as a happy family, and the children received good educations and were happily married.

The children of Alfred and Ida were:  
 Mrs. Walter (Elma) McDonald  
 Clyde, who married Della Winterton  
 Mrs. Irvin (Lavaun) Bowden  
 Grant, who married Dorothy Sharrett.

### ELIJAH AND MARY JANE WILSON ALDER

Elijah Alder, born June 27, 1835, Devizes, Wiltshire County, England. Son of William and Elizabeth Bevan.

Married Mary Jane Wilson November 24,



1855. In 1861 they received endowments in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

Died April 21, 1899, Midway.

Mary Jane Wilson Alder, born October 25, 1836, Clair, Armagh County, Ireland. Daughter of Thomas and Jane Ellis Wilson. Married Elijah Alder, November 24, 1855.

Died November 5, 1909, Midway.

Elijah was the seventh son and tenth child of William Alder and Elizabeth Bevan. His father died early in his life.

Through the labors of the early Apostles, the family joined the Church in the early 1840's. On about April 1, 1844, the family group consisting of his mother; his brothers, John, George and Alfred; his sister Jane and a cousin Shem Pernell left Liverpool in the ship "Glasgow." After travelling for about five weeks they landed in the port of New Orleans in the early part of May. From New Orleans they traveled up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, Illinois, arriving just a few weeks before the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph. This event happened on Elijah's ninth birthday.

Shortly after the martyrdom the family moved down the river to St. Louis, Missouri, where they resided for nine years. Elijah was baptized here on November 18, 1848 by his brother John, and was confirmed a member of the Church the same day by Elder Johnson.

During the early summer of 1853 he left St. Louis with a company of saints and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on Sept. 22. He was 18 years old when he crossed the plains.

In the spring of 1854, after spending his first winter in Salt Lake City, he moved with his brother, Alfred and family to Kaysville in Davis County.

After two years Elijah moved back to Salt Lake to engage in his profession as a trade mason. Here he married Mary Jane

**HUSBAND**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER Leonard  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

BACON

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

Mary Rasband

**WIFE**

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S MOTHER

WIFE'S OTHER  
HUSBANDS

**CHILDREN**

List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth  
Given Names SURNAME

**WHEN BORN**

DAY MONTH YEAR

**WHERE BORN**

TOWN

COUNTY

STATE OR COUNTRY

**DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE**

TO WHOM

**WHEN DIED**

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAG

**Husband****Wife**

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Examiners:

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Stake or  
Mission

Norman BACON

LUANN MONTGOMERY

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND

RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE

FOUR GENERATION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY

YES

NO

DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**LDS ORDINANCE DATA**

BAPTIZED (Date) ENDOWED (Date)

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
WIFE TO HUSBAND

HUSBAND

WIFE

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
CHILDREN TO PARENTS

Norman BACON

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oo LUANN MONTGOMERY

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F= Leonard BACON

M Mary Rasband

Graduated Wasatch Hi School May 1959

B.S. Degree at BYU 1965. LDS Mission So States

Recd DDS from Northwestern Univ., Chicago

June 1968 → Mesa Arizona & start practice there  
1968

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